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1. EMBASSY ECON OFFICER AND CONSUL BELIEVE REGIONAL FAA OFFICER LAGOS IN BEST POSITION ASSESS LOCAL MARKET ON BASIS RECENT DOUALA VISIT. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT, WHILE NEW DOUALA TERMINAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, MOST EQUIPMENT PURCHASES TIED ASECNA TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION LOANS. CAMAIR DOES HAVE AMERICAN PLANES, BUT MOST SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OBTAINED THROUGH TRADITIONAL SUPPLY SOURCES. TECHNICAL DIRECTOR INDICATED INTEREST RECEIVING LITERATURE, ESPECIALLY IN FRENCH, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE VISIT WORTH EFFORT.

2. CAMEROONIAN DIRECTOR METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE (U.S. TRAINED) INTERESTED RECEIVING LITERATURE AND, IF COMPANY REPS THIS FIELD PASSING THROUGH DOUALA, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET. HE SAID SPECIAL TRIP NOT WORTH EFFORT SINCE HIS BUDGET NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES CURRENTLY RUNNING ONLY 25,000 DOLLARS. FYI AIRPORT METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT FURNISHED THROUGH ASECNA.

3. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE WOULD BE PLEASED TRANSMIT ANY LITERATURE FURNISHED, BUT, SUBJECT FAA REP. COMMENTS, DOUBT UTILITY VISIT TEAM MEMBERS.

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